

Program Highlights 2007

Study in America Days, October-November

The America Days for prospective students started in the underserved region of Ostrava, then moved to Brno – the second largest academic center in the Czech Republic – and concluded in the capital city of Prague during International Education Week. In each location, program offerings included comprehensive info sessions, as well as the opportunity for individual consultations with an EducationUSA adviser. The event in Prague involved US Embassy and Fulbright program representatives, and offered a hands-on workshop on how to prepare a successful application package.

Study in America Days Website

The Fulbright Commission created a special website called www.studujvamerice.cz ("studijnamerica") with detailed information on the Study in America Days. The website was supported by Google Czech Republic for a period of one month preceding the event, and will continue to serve as a platform for promoting future outreach events organized by the Fulbright Advising Center.

Essay Writing Workshops

In 2007, The Fulbright EducationUSA Advising Center paid special attention to developing admission essay writing skills. The Center offered four sessions during the year with the involvement of experienced US scholars, including a Fulbright student grantee.

EducationUSA Students Who Made It

"I enrolled under early decision to Gettysburg College, PA and my first semester there was an amazing experience. I believe that my success there does not reflect only my abilities but the numerous skills of the Fulbright advising staff who prepared me for the foreign and challenging environment. The Fulbright Educational Advising Center played a vital role in my college application and preparation process and I am truly convinced that without it I would never be as content as I am today."

Jan Cerny, Gettysburg College
class of 2011, Pennsylvania

Key EducationUSA Partners

- ▶ US Embassy, Public Affairs Section
- ▶ American Center and regional InfoUSA centers (Brno, Plzen)
- ▶ Offices of International Relations at Czech universities
- ▶ Information and advisory centers of Czech universities
- ▶ International Student Clubs
- ▶ International schools and secondary schools with programs in English
- ▶ Student and university media groups
- ▶ Harvard Club of Prague (alumni club)

Country Statistics	2006	2007
Number of students in the US:	927	914
Total number of center inquiries:	3,486	2,923

Czech Republic

Advising Center Network

The EducationUSA Advising Center of the Fulbright Commission in Prague offers a full range of advising services for students from all over the country, including individual consultations, group advising sessions, and outreach events. The Center operates an e-mail list for prospective students, provides information services to media, and supports advising activities of the InfoUSA centers throughout the country.

Recent Trends: US Study ▼ -1.4%

- ▶ The post 9/11 decline, which started in 2002/03, has lost its momentum. 2006/07 mobility data provide evidence of the stabilization and renewed interest in US study.
- ▶ Increased educational exchange within the EU allows students to pursue short-term study abroad in destinations closer to home.
- ▶ The Czech economy is growing and the level of income is increasing while the US dollar has weakened, which makes US education more accessible for Czech students.
- ▶ Acquisition of basic information is shifting to the Internet and the Fulbright website.
- ▶ Fields of study most inquired: business, law, international affairs, engineering.
- ▶ Common sports for student-athletes: tennis, soccer, volleyball, and basketball.

Resource Links

Czech Fulbright Commission: www.fulbright.cz/english.html

Eurydice National Unit: www.uiv.cz/clanek/29/148

National Academic Recognition Information Center (NARIC): www.naric.cz

Education System Overview

	Secondary Education	Higher Education (Bachelor's Degree)
Language of instruction:	Czech	Czech (limited number of programs available in English)
Years of study required:	2-4 years depending on type of program	3-4 years
Grading system & US equivalent:	vyborne (1) – A chvalitebne (2) – A-/B+ dobre (3) – B dostatecne (4) – C nedostatecne (5) – F	vyborne (1) – A velmi dobre (2) – B dobre (3) – C nevyhovet (4) – F Some use ECTS grading scale
Scholarship for US studies:	limited to special programs (United World Colleges, ASSIST)	no scholarships available for undergraduate study

Upcoming Events 2008-2009

- ▶ The Study in America Days 2008 will be organized during the 2008 International Education Week in November. For information on possible participation, please contact the Educational Adviser.
- ▶ Webchats and outreach with US institutions – Contact Fulbright for more details.

Partnering with EducationUSA Czech Republic

- ▶ Representatives of US institutions are welcome to participate at group information sessions, outreach projects like Study in America Days, or webchats. Guest speakers are especially needed during the October-December period, including IEW 2008.
- ▶ The EducationUSA Center can help with recruitment efforts, including effective distribution of announcements of programs and scholarships and organization of school visits.
- ▶ The Adviser can provide assistance with the analysis of the Czech educational system, including credentials and accreditation issues.

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